(g) whether there is any proposal to supply essential commodities at cheaper rates to the common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) A statement showing the monthwise percen. tage variation in the Wholesale Price Indices of selected essential commodities from November, 1989 to November, 199© is given in Annexure— (See Appendix CLVI, Annexure No. 5).

(c) In & vast country like India where Public Distribution System network consists of over 3.60 lakhs Fair Price Shops occasional shortages due to local factors such as transportation failures etc cannot be ruled out. However, no reports of shortages of rice, wheat and sugar were received by the Central Government. There were reports of shortage of pamolein due to lack of import, and also of kerosene in some parts of the country.

(d) A statement showing the month-wise Wholesale Price Index from November, 1989' to November, 1990 and Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers from November, 1989 to October, 1990 (latest available) is attached (See below).

(e) & (f). The Government has accorded highest priority to check the rising trend in prices of essential commodities and contain the inflationary trends. Both long term and short-term measures are therefore, being taken for the purpose. Besides macro-economic measures to bring about financial and fiscal discipline, the supply management measures taken broadly include steps to increase production of essential commodities, procurement and buffer stocking operations of foodgrains, strengthening of Public Distribution System, enforcement of the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and other regulatory measures and augmenting domestic supplies through imports (e.g. edible oils, pulses and petroleum products in order to check any abnormal rise in the prices of essential commodities.

(g) No, Sir. However, the Government is already supplying rice and wheat at subsidised rates to the people living in Tribal areas since December 1985. This Scheme covers all the people, tribals as well as non-tribals, living in 191 ITDP areas in 17 States and 2 Union Territories.

Statement

Month	Wholesale Price Index (Base 1981-82-100)	Consumer Price Index .Base 4982-100)	%
November 1989	167.5	176	
December 1989	166.6 168.0	175 174	
January 1990			
February 1990	168.8	175	
March 1990	170.1	177	
April 1990	172.8	180	
May 1990	174.0	182	
June 1990	176.9	185	
July 1990	179.3	189	
August 1990	180.2	190	
September 1990	180.9	191	
October 1990	182-7	**195**	
November **1990**	184.3	—	

Permission to Monopoly Houses ta enter real estate business

208. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have recently agreed that monopoly houses be permitted to enter into real estate business; if so, what are the likely implications of such a step; nd

(e) whether this step is going to encourage house building activities or enhance the prices of vacant lands?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) The regulations/ provisions in Chapter III of the MRTP Act, 1969 are not appliacble to the MRTP Companies engaged in or proposing to enter into the real estate business. However, the MRTp Companies are subject to Central and State laws relating to land development, urban land ceiling, consumers' protection and curbing of speculation etc. ..) Does not arise.

Book-Stall and Catering Stalls facilities at Railway Stations

209. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a factthat the facilities of book-stall and catering stalls have been provided at Anand Vihars Sahibabad, Shakurbasti, Sarojini Nagar, Inderpuri, Narela, Patel Nagar, Pataudi Road, Okhla, Tughlaka-bad, Ballabgarh and Kamal stations;

(b) whether Government have received any suggestions from Members of Parliament for providing these facilities; and

(c) if so, what action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Only catering facility has been provided at Sahibabad, Sarojini Nagar, Patel Nagar, Pataudi Road, Okhla, Tughlakabad, Kamal and Narela stations. At Ballabhgarh station both catering and book-stall facilities have been provided.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A suggestion has been received for providing catering and book-stall facility at Anand Vihar. Action will b3 taken to provide these facilities if found justified.

Availability of Book-Stall facilities in Western and Central Railways

210. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of the stations in the Sub-Urban Section in Western and Central Railways where book-stall facilities are available with the names of contractors;

(b) the details of the stations (with names) where this facility is not provided;

(c) whether Government have any proposal for award of Book-Stall to educated Unemployed on those vacant stations; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) and (b) A statement is attached (See below).

(c) and (d) As Der extant policy, all new bookstall contracts are reserved for unemployed graduates, their co-operatives, partnerships, associations and co-operative societies of actual workers and vendors.

However, at present provision of bookstall facility at none of the stations without this facility, excepting Naigaon on Western Railway, has been found justified.

Statement

(a) Nam;s of stations in the subuiban sections of Western and Central Railways where bookstall facilities are available together with the names of contractors are a* under

Railway	Station	Name of Contractor
Western . .	1. Churchgate	M/s A.H. Wheeler & Co. Adiwasi Gram Seva Sangh.
	2. Marine Lines .	M/s. A.H. Wheeler Co.
	3. Charni Road .	do
	5- Grant Road .	-do-
	5. Bcriibay Centra*	M/s A.H. Wheeler & Co. Adiwasi Gram Seva Sangh Mukandilal & Co.
	6. Mabalaxrri . .	M/s. A.H. Wheeler Co.
	7. Lower Faret	Idc
	8. Elphinston Road	[do,
	9. Dadar	do
	10. Matunga Road	do(
	11. Mahim .	do
	12. Bandra	do
	13. Khar Road .	cV
	14. Santa Ciuz	do
	15. Ville Farle	do
	IC Andheri	do
	17. Gortgion	[do
	18. Matad	
	19. Kandivaii	do
	20. Borivali	do
	21. Vasai Road	;do:
	22. Virar	do":
	23. Jogeshwari 24. DaHsar	Shri S.C. Jain & Shri Sham I; 1 Ciptt
	25. Bhavans^	Shri Bapu Raghurath Tiwafne
	26. Nalla Sopara .	Shri Alex Martin

Railway		Station	Name of Contractor
Centrpl . .	1.	Bombay VT .	. M/s. Sarva Seva Sangh M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co.
	2.	Masjid	. M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co.
	3.	Sandhurst Road	-do-
	4.	Dockyard Road	Tribhuwan Tiwari
	5.	Reay Road	. S.G. Chile
	6.	Cotton Green .	. Shri Nageshwar Pandey
	7.	Sewri	. Shri J.B. Gowade
	8.	Vadala Road .	. M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co.
	9.	Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar	Shri C.P. Pingle
	10.	Chunabhatti	. Shri M.S. Shetty
	11.	Kurla	. M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co.
	12.	Govandi	. Shri G.A. Sawant
	13.	Chembur	. M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co.
	14.	Mandhumd	. Maharashtra News Paper & Book Services
	15.	Byculla .	. M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co.
	16.	Chinchpokli	. Shri M.P. Sethumadhavan
	17.	Currey Road .	. Shri S.N. Pingle
	IS.	Parel	. Parvatibai Redig
	19.	Dadar	. M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. M/s. Sarva Seva Sangh
	20.	Matunga .	. M/s A.H. Wheeler & Co.
	21.	Sion	. Shri C.P. Pingle
	22.	Vidyavihar	. Shri S.K. Thatte
	23.	Ghatkopar	. M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co.
	24.	Vikroli .	. M/s. K.K. Bros.
	25.	Kanjurmarg	. Shri S.K. Thatte
	26.	Bhandup .	. M/s. K.K. Bros.
	27.	Mulund .	. M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co.
	28.	Thane	-do- .
	29.	Kalva .	Shri P.R. Sachdev
	30.	Mumbra .	. Shri N.Y. Yadav